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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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WARNING LETTER
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bhim S. Hans, owner
Zarda King Ltd.
1445 E. 142nd St.
Dolton, IL 60419

Dear Mr. Hans:

Inspection of your firm by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on February 28, 29 and March 2, 7 and 9, 2000, documented numerous insanitary conditions at your warehouse, located at 1445 East 142nd St., Dolton, Illinois, which caused the food products stored there to become adulterated.

Our inspection showed that the food products stored and held at your facility were found to be adulterated. These adulterated food products are in violation of Sections 402(a)(3) and 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) in that they: a) consist in whole or in part of filthy substances, including rodent fecal pellets, rodent hair, and insects; and b) had been held under insanitary conditions whereby they may have become contaminated with rodent and insect filth.

Evidence of rodent activity was observed in, on, and near foods stored in the warehouse. This evidence included a dead mouse in a glue trap, excreta pellets and gnawed paper material. Rodent gnaw holes were observed in several packaged food products with several rodent hairs and fecal pellets in the products. Many more fecal pellets were on food packages and thousands more near the stored food in the warehouse.

Other conditions observed during the inspection that could be contributing factors to rodent infestation included a poorly fitting door and extremely crowded conditions not conducive to inspection, observation, and cleaning.

Our laboratory confirmed the findings of rodent excreta, rodent hairs in product, and rodent gnawed fibers (packaging material) sampled from the warehouse during the inspection.

The above listed violations are not intended to be all-inclusive. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with each requirement of the Federal regulations. The FDA investigators reported you destroyed several food products that showed evidence of contamination and began to take some steps to correct the insanitary conditions in your facility. We request that you take prompt action to correct all violations.

Please provide this office, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, a detailed response stating the actions you plan to take and have taken to correct and prevent the recurrence of these objectionable conditions. Provide the time within which corrections will be completed, reasons why any corrective action cannot be completed, and documentation to show that corrections have been made. Failure to take prompt action to correct all violations may result in regulatory action without further notice. Such action may include seizure, injunction, or prosecution.

Your reply should be directed to Paul A. Boehmer, Compliance Officer, at the Chicago District Office.

Sincerely,

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Raymond V. Mlecko
District Director